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Chairman Martin
FCC 445

12th street SW
Washington, DC 20054

Dear FCC Chairman:

I object the orders for the exemption of closed captioning. I know many people, both deaf and hard of hearing, who use closed captioning. It is not fair to ask them to stop watching the television because it costs too much to run closed captioning. Not only do deaf and hard of hearing use it, but also there are many people who watch television in loud areas or in crowds. In order for them to understand what is going on, they read the closed captioning. I ask you to please reconsider immediately. Many people need closed captioning.

Thank you for your time,

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Amenda Evans Camas High School 26900 SE 15th Street Camas, WA 98607

Dear FCC Chairman:

Hello let me introduce myself; my name is Amenda Evans as you may already know. I am a full time Student at Camas High School. I have recently found out that you were considering exempting closed-captioning in the near future. As a third year American Sign Language student I have learned that closed-captioning is more beneficial then it is detrimental, not only to us as third year American Sign Language students but with the deaf culture as well. What are they going to do when they need to watch the news or when they want to watch a basic TV show? Are you just expecting them to read the minds of the people on TV? What is the reason for considering closed-captioning that you would want to take it off anyways? Having closed-captioning is really no inconvenience. Some parents use close captioning when their child is watching TV. It is proven facts that closed-captioning helps children learn how to read. Before you make your final decision, please take the time to think about what you are actually doing. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Amenda Evans

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